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Dear Colonel Light,

I am sorry I could not return your letter sooner but have been busy trying to root out greed and chicanery in Yuba County Government and elsewhere. Colonel, regarding your letter of December 4, 2006 I consider it the original and only authentic copy and thank you for the attempt to help us in Linda. The second letter of January 8, 2007 that Colonel Bruce Porter told me would clarify your position, does nothing except state just the opposite of the First Letter. In my opinion, nothing has happened in that one month span of time to warrant such a drastic change between content of the two letters, other than possibly outside influence.

Colonel, The man, John Hess has stated publicly in the Most widely read newspaper, the most listened to Radio station, before TRLIA at open meeting, and before the State Board Of Reclamation in session, that "The Linda levee is safe, the sand berm not only takes care of the section at 0.79, the site of the 1986 break, but when asked by President Carter of the Rec Board, Hess also stated the Scour Trench was mitigated by the sand berm. When asked by President Carter if that is the Corps Stance, Hess replied, "It is."

Hess stated at the Rec Board meeting, "The Yuba River is Gentle where it hits the sand berm." Hess doesn't realize the sand berm runs from the UPRR west to shad road, almost to the highway 70, and I can see he has never heard the words of W.T. Ellis a levee authority of the Yuba when he said, "Beware the tricky Yuba". Colonel that was the Corps position in 1986 as I recall and were surprised when Rapid Draw down collapsed the Levee at LMM 0.79, as the water was rapidly receding.

I in fact was so relieved to see the water dropping that I called my wife who was staying with relatives in Sutter, to come home. She wisely declined and the Levee collapsed at 6:20 that evening.

Those are mighty strong words stating the Corps of Engineers disagrees with The Kleinfelder 2004 report in 2007 that the Corps agreed with in 2004 and stated so in the most read newspaper also. Colonel, every one I ask in Linda, where I live and have lived for 47 years disagrees with that stance and we have documentation. Statements Like, "We have closely observed every upgrade of TRLIA's and are well satisfied by their work and staff."

If the Corps observed the TRLIA work “Closely” as Hess says, then they were knowledgeable of the falsified upgrades as well.

Colonel, this past week, January 16, 2007, I spoke before the Yuba County Board of Supervisors and advised them that TRLIA had sent a Letter signed by the County Administrator Robert Bendorf to FEMA stating the Linda levee was complete and asking for certification, JUST as the Former County Administrator, Kent McClain had sent to you in April of 2006. I advised the Board of Supervisors that I had discovered that TRLIA had failed to upgrade three major levee issues, a flattening of the waterside, an upgrade of Rip Rap on the water side to prevent erosion, and a sand Berm, and further, had hid the fact the issues were even on the Permit. When President Carter asked TRLIA Executive Paul Brunner why he did not do the upgrades, he said “we did not get to raise the Levee, so we did not do the upgrades.” This caused other questions from the Board as well it should have. This shows TRLIA, a county entity is in it for the Money and not citizen safety from flooding and they are backed by the Corps of Engineers per John Hess.

Hopefully, since we have forwarded these past few actions to the F.B.I. and California State Attorney General Brown, some more of this chicanery , false letters sent to Federal and State officials, tax funding? Malfeasance by government officials will come to surface.

Colonel I would like an explanation of the 180 degree turn around from December 4, 2006 and January 8, 2007, and possibly the 180 degree turnaround of the Corps stance in 2004 as reported in the Appeal-Democrat and the Stance reported by John Hess on January 19, 2007, especially since not one shovel has touched the waterside of Linda levee Mile Marker 0.79 since 1986.

Colonel, I most assuredly would appreciate an answer to this letter as soon as possible.

Respectively,
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